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CHAPTER 17

# 魔拳のデイドリーマー

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ISN'T THERE ANOTHER ROUTE WE COULD TAKE TO REACH THE CITY ?
I CAN'T SAY THERE AREN'T BUT...
THE TREES WERE STRUCK DOWN AND THE GROUND ALSO CRACKED
IN THAT CASE, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE WE'LL BE ABLE TO GO THROUGH THERE.
FROM THIS MOUNTAIN, THERE ARE 3 ROUTES TO REACH THE BOTTOM
WITHIN THOSE ROUTES, ONE COLLAPSED DUE TO A LANDSLIDE.
FOR THE REMAINING 2 ROUTES, ONE GOES THROUGH THE FOREST BUT...
I'M PROBABLY FINE BUT, I GUESS THAT WOULD BE TOUGH FOR ELK.
IN THE FOREST THERE ARE A LOT OF OBSTACLES SO EVEN IF I CARRY YOU ON MY BACK IT WOULD BE HARD.
THE SLOPE IS STEEP, ALSO THE LAND IS MUDDY SO.
I THINK IT'S A HIGH RISK ROUTE.

IT'S JUST THAT ...ON THE WAY
WE WILL NEED TO GO THROUGH A DANGEROUS AREA CALLED THE ≒CRIMSON FOREST≒
THE LAST ROUTE IS A BIT OF A DETOUR BUT THE SLOPE IS GENTLE
EVEN IF THE LAND IS MUDDY
CHANCES WE WOULD TRIP UP ARE LOW.
≒CRIMSON FOREST≒ ……!
I HEARD THAT NAME COMES FROM THE TREES HAVING RED LEAVES ALL YEAR ROUND.
COMPARED TO THE MOUNTAIN RITORASU, THE FREQUENCY AND THE AVERAGE LEVEL OF THE MONSTERS ARE HIGHER SO.
IT SEEMS THAT, DEPENDING ON THE AREA, THE DANGER INCREASES

MINATO !
A RED LIZARD IS COMING !!
FOR EVERY HOUR ON THE MOUNTAIN RITORASU, WE'D ENCOUNTER 2 OR 3 MONSTERS
UWAH ...
IN THIS [CRIMSON FOREST], IN TEN MINUTES WE ENCOUNTERED A FEW OF THEM.
ALTHOUGH, AS LONG AS WE DON'T GO TOO DEEP
THE DANGER LEVEL ISN'T DIFFERENT FROM THE [NAGA'S LABYRINTH] OR SO I HEARD.
STILL, THOSE LEAVES HAVE SUCH A SPLENDID COLOR...
SO WE DECIDED TO TAKE THIS ROUTE TO GAIN EXPERIENCE AS WELL.
... GOTCHA !

AH
DID I AIM A BIT WIDE ...?
EVEN YOU CAN BLUNDER, HUH...
I WAS SO ENCHANTED BY THE LAND-SCAPE THAT MY REACTION GOT DELAYED.
EVEN SO, LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO FOCUS
ELK, COULD THAT BE.... ..?
YES, RED LIZARDS ARE MONSTERS WHICH HOLD MAGIC POWER.
WAIT A SECOND
I'M GOING TO CUT IT, TO MAKE IT EASIER TO EAT.
EAT IT PROPERLY, OK...

...HAH, YOU ATE EVERYTHING ALREADY !?
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAD SO MUCH !?
HOW IS IT ?
GOOD ?
THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF THINGS I DON'T KNOW IN THIS WORLD.
MON-STERS ARE MYSTER-IOUS ...
I WONDER WHERE, IN THAT BODY, IS ALL THAT GOING...?
AND THAT, AND THAT ?
A TREE FURTEL
A RANK D DANGER ZONE [CRIMSON FOREST]
SOMEHOW, THIS FOREST HAS A LOT OF MONSTERS WE END UP HESITATING TO KILL.
Ah, it's so cute
It's a horned rabbit

WE USUALLY DON'T KILL THESE MONSTERS
WE THREATEN THEM TO DRIVE THEM AWAY
ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE MONSTERS THAT HOLD SURPRISINGLY GOOD MATERIALS TO SELL.
WE ALSO ACTIVELY HUNTED MONSTERS
ONES THAT HAVE A DEMAND FOR THEIR MEAT.
THIS [IGNITE BOAR] IS ESPECIALLY ...
THE TRUTH IS I WANT TO CATCH AND CUDDLE IT THOUGH.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...?
I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT BUT I LOVE CUTE STUFF.
YES, YES, ALPA IS CUTE TOO.
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AH, SO TASTY!
WE CAN SELL THIS MEAT FOR A LOT YOU KNOW
THIS TIME WE ATE IT FOR BREAKFAST BUT.....
SELL IT OR EAT IT, BOTH CHOICES ARE FINE.
OTHERWISE, WE ALSO HUNT MONSTERS THAT COULD BE USED FOR ALPA'S FOOD.
WAH
AGAIN, ANOTHER CUTE THING, TO MY TASTE, HAS...
WAAH
:MAGIC BUNNY:
THEY ARE SMALL BUT THEY HOLD A LOT OF MAGIC POWER.
WELL THEN, IT CAN'T BE HELPED

**A few minutes later**

I WONDER IF HE'S DIGESTING IT WITH MAGIC.
AND YET, HE ATE EVERYTHING BESIDES THE BONES .....
IT WAS CLEARLY BIGGER THAN HIS BODY THOUGH ...

DID EATING A LOT MAKE HIM SLEEPY ?
BE IT BEASTS OR MONSTERS WHEN THEY'RE A BABY, AFTER EATING THEY GO TO SLEEP AND BY REPEATING THOSE ACTIONS
THEY GET BIGGER, HUH
IF THAT'S THE CASE ...
HEY, ELK
MAYBE SOMETHING COULD COME OUT AGAIN ?
SOMETHING, YOU SAY? WHAT ?
WELL, SOMETHING THAT WOULD THREATEN THE HABITAT OF THE MONSTERS OF THIS FOREST
LIKE A POWERFUL MONSTER ?
SOME-THING LIKE THE NAGA OF THE LABY-RINTH.

I FEEL LIKE THE ENTIRE BODIES OF MONSTERS OF THIS FOREST ARE ON EDGE
EVEN SMALLER MONSTERS, FRANTICALLY ATTACK HUMANS TO SECURE FOOD AND ...
HEY, GIVE ME A BREAK ...!
I DON'T WANT TO COME ACROSS THOSE KIND OF MONSTERS TIME AND TIME AGAIN
NO, I MEAN THE MONSTERS HERE
IT'S NOT LIKE THEY ARE THIN OR ANYTHING.
SO IT SHOULD BE FINE I THINK.
BUT IF THERE'S ANOTHER REASON
I WOULD UNDERSTAND EVEN LESS...
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ALPA YOU NOTICED IT TOO !?
?
WHAT'S WRONG YOU TWO...?

...AH
IT'S AN ARROW.
MINATO, SOMETHING'S THERE!?
.....IF I HAVE TO SAY, I'D SAY THERE IS BUT.....

DON'T WORRY
WE AREN'T TARGETED
PROBABLY.
.....?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I THINK ELK CAN'T HEAR THEM SO
DO YOU WANT TO GO IN THE DIRECTION WHERE THE ARROW FLEW FROM?
WAIT A SECOND
IF WE'RE NOT CONCERNED, I GUESS WE DON'T NEED TO GO OUT OF OUR WAY TO GET INVOLVED BUT ...
UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S THE DIRECTION OF OUR ROUTE
A DETOUR WOULD BE ANNOYING, SO WE HAVE TO GO.
GOT IT!
UWAH, GOTCHA.
ANOTHER ONE CAME FLYING!
OK, OVER THERE ...

KEEP THEM OFF THE CARRIAGE !!
NOW, FIRE... !!
BE CAREFUL OF THE ONES HIDING !!
DON'T LET THEM ATTACK THE HORSES ... !!

KUH
HEY, THE LAD OVER THERE!

WA...
WAIT
...

IT'S DANGEROUS OVER HERE! RUN, FAST!!
I'M SORRY TO HAVE SCARED YOU!
AS YOU CAN SEE WE ARE QUITE BUSY!
CAPTAIN! 10 O'CLOCK, NEW ENEMIES ARE COMING!!
THE SMELL OF BLOOD STIMULATED THEM, I GUESS...

BEHIND YOU!!
HEY, YOU FOOL

HUH... DID I INTERFERE ?
NO, YOU SAVED HIM, THANK YOU
I DID TELL YOU TO RUN BUT...
TO BE HONEST, WE HAVE NO STRENGTH TO SPARE RIGHT NOW.
FROM WHAT I CAN SEE, YOU ARE ADVEN-TURERS
CAN I ASK YOU TO INTERFERE A BIT MORE ?
AH... SURE, IN THAT CASE.
ELK, IT'S FINE RIGHT ?

ALRIGHT!
ALPA IT'S DANGEROUS SO GO WITH ELK.
YES, IT'S FINE.
BUT GET RID OF THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OK?
WELL!
OK
SORRY BUT, WHILE WE ARE ATTRACTING THE MONSTERS
I WANT YOU TO HELP THE CARRIAGE WITHDRAW FROM HERE.
WELL THEN, LET'S GO!
IT WILL BE A NICE EXERCISE.
10 O'CLOCK, NEW ENEMIES ... RIGHT
OH, THERE REALLY ARE A LOT.

HAH!
I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE INCOMING MONSTERS, MOVE THE CARRIAGE!

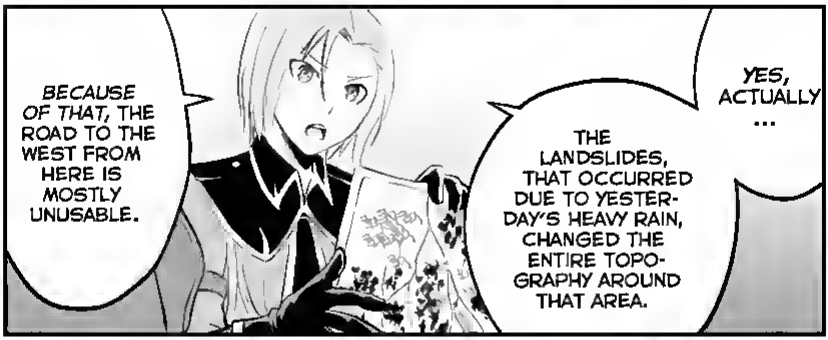
OK, WE'RE WITHDR-AWING
GET ON THE CAR-RIAGE !
GET ON IT, I'LL COME AFTER CLEANING UP THIS GUY!
MINATO !
EVERY-ONE, GET OUT!
GET OUT !!

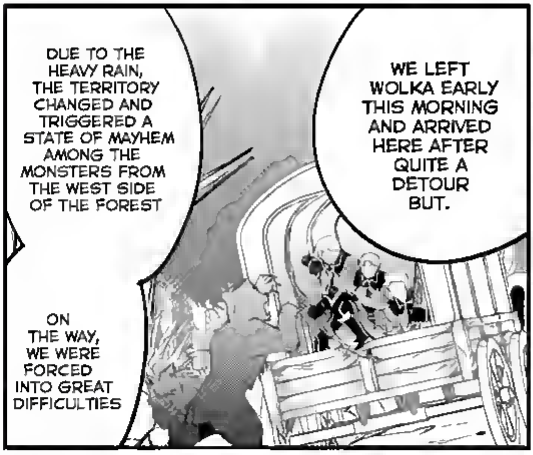
NO, WE JUST ACCIDENTALLY HAPPENED TO PASS BY, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
IS EVERY-ONE OK !?
YES !
LET ME THANK YOU
IT'S THANKS TO YOU TWO, YOU SAVED US.

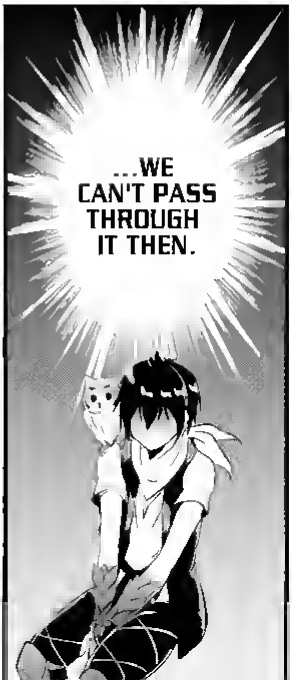
I STILL HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF
I AM SUULA COWEN.
I'M A PLATOON LEADER FROM THE NEARBY TOWN GARRISONS GUARD CORPS.
THE TOWN GUARD CORPS ...
AAH, WHEN ELK HAD HER ISSUE WITH THE MONEY-LENDER,
THOSE GUYS THAT LOOKED LIKE POLICEMEN.
BY THE WAY, WHAT DID ADVENTURERS LIKE YOU COME INTO THIS FOREST FOR?
AH... NO, IT'S NOT THAT WE HAVE ANYTHING TO DO IN THIS FOREST BUT.
DUE TO A LANDSLIDE, OUR WAY BACK TO TOWN BECAME UNUSABLE SO WE HAD NO CHOICE
UNFORTUNATELY, THIS CARRIAGE ISN'T GOING TO WOLKA.
THE PLACE WE ARE HEADING TO, OUR DESTINATION, IS DEEPER IN THE FOREST.
UH...
IS THAT SO?

IT WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.
HMM... I THOUGHT THAT AFTER HELPING THEM, I'D HAVE THEM TAKE US OUTSIDE THE FOREST BUT
YES... WELL IT'S NOT EXACTLY OUR DESTINATION
BUT ;WE HAVE TO GO THE DEPTHS OF THE FOREST;
I SEE, I UNDERSTAND.
IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN, WE'LL TAKE OUR LEAVE AROUND HERE.
WE APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT
AH NO, IT'S FINE
I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU BUT WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF WORK.
IT PAINS ME BUT WE HAVE NOTHING TO GIVE YOU.
I SEE, THEN...
OH, BEFORE THAT.

ARE YOU GOING TO PASS THROUGH THIS ROUTE FROM HERE ?
THAT'S RIGHT, IS THERE A PROBLEM ?


YES, ACTUALLY ...
THE LANDSLIDES, THAT OCCURRED DUE TO YESTERDAY'S HEAVY RAIN, CHANGED THE ENTIRE TOPOGRAPHY AROUND THAT AREA.
BECAUSE OF THAT, THE ROAD TO THE WEST FROM HERE IS MOSTLY UNUSABLE.


WE LEFT WOLKA EARLY THIS MORNING AND ARRIVED HERE AFTER QUITE A DETOUR BUT.
DUE TO THE HEAVY RAIN, THE TERRITORY CHANGED AND TRIGGERED A STATE OF MAYHEM AMONG THE MONSTERS FROM THE WEST SIDE OF THE FOREST
ON THE WAY, WE WERE FORCED INTO GREAT DIFFICULTIES


...WE CAN'T PASS THROUGH IT THEN.

I SEE
SO THE REASON I SENSED THE MONSTERS OF THIS FOREST WERE ON EDGE, WAS BECAUSE OF THAT

WHAT DO WE DO, ELK ?
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO RIGHT, WE HAVE TO GO
SINCE THAT PATH IS THE ONLY OPTION WE HAVE.
... ACTU-ALLY,
I HAVE ONE PROPO-SITION.
IF IT'S OK WITH YOU
WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TWO TO KEEP ACCOMPANY-ING US ?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT ?
WE ARE CURRENTLY HEADING IN THE DEPTH OF THE FOREST FOR OUR MISSION
ALTHOUGH, FROM NOW ON, THE MONSTERS WILL BE EVEN STRONGER, SO I'M ANXIOUS ABOUT OUR PROGRESS.

IT'S RATHER PATHETIC BUT...
THAT'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO REALIZE FROM THE FIGHT EARLIER.
AH... I SEE
MOREOVER, THE "CRIMSON FOREST"
IF YOU PROGRESS FAIRLY DEEP, THE STRENGTH OF THE MONSTERS PECULIARITY OF SUDDENLY RISING UP.
IN OUR CURRENT SITUATION, IT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE THAT ALL OF US CAN GO BACK SAFELY.
IN THAT CASE, WHY NOT GO BACK
AND THEN COMING BACK WHEN YOU'LL HAVE INCREASED YOUR MILITARY POWER?
USUALLY THAT'S WHAT WE WOULD DO BUT
THE REASON THIS TIME IS A RESCUE MISSION SO.
WE CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE TIME.

BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY RAIN IN THE [CRIMSON FOREST]
THERE'S A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT HE HAD AN ACCIDENT
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO ARRIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AT THE NEIGHBORING TOWN BUT I HEARD HE HASN'T YET.
WE HEARD THAT A MERCHANT'S CARAVAN LEFT YESTERDAY
WITH IMPORTANT MERCHANDISE, IT SEEMS HE LEFT FOR WOLKA.
YOU TWO ARE QUITE TRUST WORTHY. EVEN WITHOUT ME THAT IS SOMETHING THAT ANYONE WOULD UNDERSTAND.
OF COURSE, THERE'S YOUR BATTLE PROWESS BUT
YOU ALSO HELPED PEOPLE AND WERE ABOUT TO PROMPTLY DEPART WITH A DISINTEREST FOR THE REWARD.
DUE TO MY POSITION, I'M CONFIDENT IN MY ABILITY TO JUDGE CHARACTER
IF YOU WANT A REWARD, WE CAN OFFER A GOOD AMOUNT
CAN I ASK YOU TO COME WITH US ?

I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND THE BALANCE BETWEEN DANGER AND REWARD.
AH... WHAT SHOULD WE DO ?
FOR THE REWARD, I WILL ADD 50 SILVER COINS EVERY TIME YOU HELP US, IS IT OK?
BASICALLY THAT'S IT BUT, DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION I'D LIKE TO CONSULT YOU
WE WILL PREPARE IT
FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION ?
THE JOB'S CONTENT? ONLY HELPING DURING BATTLES?
IS IT POSSIBLE TO PRESERVE THE PROOFS OF THE SUBJUGATION ?
WE WERE ABOUT TO FINISH A QUEST.
IN THAT CASE, WE HAVE AN ANTISEPTIC.
UNDERSTOOD, WE WILL ACCEPT THIS JOB MINATO
WITH THOSE CONDITIONS, THE COST-EFFICIENCY IS IN BALANCE AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE EXPERIENCE ...!
ELK .....?

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